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Recent pics of **Air Planner and Navigator Courses** run Sat 31 Aug - Sun 1 Sep at Morningstar Airfield, also some from the last Course and ATC Badge, with Scouts releasing a weather balloon at Cape Town International Airport. These courses teach Scouts how to plan and navigate an Aeronautical course flown by a light aircraft, and this year it was from Morningstar Airfield - Bushmanskloof in the Cederberg - Kagakamma - Oudsthoorn - Mosselbay - Riversdale and back to Morningstar via Bain's Kloof Pass. Scouts work out a true course, given winds, aircraft cruise, best climb and descent airspeeds, including time to climb, positions and time for descent in each case, taking into account minimum altitudes and the semi-circular rule. This done with actual aeronautical charts and the E6B Calculator (Whizz Wheel as used by pilots). The navigation exercise is the equivalent of what a Private Pilot must do for their license. There were 5 instructors on the course, all of whom are pilots, with one an airline pilot. We run 6 courses a year: ATC (Air Traffic Controller), Airmanship, Air Planner, Air Navigator, Air Charge and Air Mechanic. At the end of the ATC course, we fly the Scouts to and from Cape Town International, for their visit to the Control Tower and Weather Service. On taking over the Air Activities, in 2007 we had 9 Air Charge Certificate holders, and now we have in excess of 70 Scouts and adults exposed to air activities. *Jonathan Starke*



Gilwell Reunion Sat 7 Sep, saw 36 **Woodbadge** holders from 2013 back to 1964, gather at **Gilwood**, our new **Training Heritage Centre** Goodwood. A relaxed time of inspiration by way of human bingo, clay character awareness and messages - inspired to inspired was well organised with thanks to Elizabeth Britz.



Outeniqua District gathered on Sunday 8 September at the Presbyterian Church in George for a special 'Renewal of Promise' Service, which was enjoyed and well supported.



Chief Seattle braving the Wild West (**Nimmy Abrahams**) took **Gordon Shield 2013** to a new and exciting level for teams.

The last Chief to don a **Sioux** Indian headdress was **Colin Inglis** (Senior Scout **Adventure Chief**) on the 1982 Senior Scout Witzenberg Adventure, one of many such adventures.



1st Knysna Shipwreck Hike Fri 6 to Sun 8 Sept. The Troop did 2 km's beach slog and camp, 8 km's with canoes with shelter camp in rain and 10 km's on foot.



Since the last SCaR, **Wolraad Woltemade's original house**, where he stayed until that fateful night in 1773, has been found. It is now a National Monument at 4 Wemyss Road in Brooklyn. There is also a book out covering Klein Zoar Farm **'Preserving a House'** by Jos Baker. Amazing news!

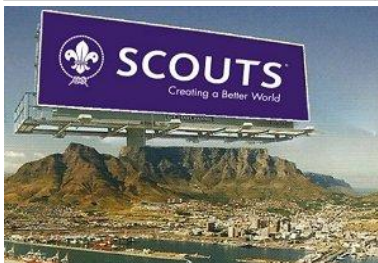
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Western Cape's first ever **Lead SA Youth Hero** is Johann Harzon. About four years ago an old age home Sawas House in Pinelands, suffered from a fire that destroyed a wing and their vegetable garden. Johann's Pinelands Troop jumped in to assist with the vegetable garden, planting flowers and repainting certain areas of the home. Helping Johann and his Scouts were Stodels, Biogrow, a nursery in Hout Bay and children from his mother's day-care centre. "It is so wonderful to have so many people just wanting to help and willing to help us to do what it is we're doing," said Johann. And it is equally wonderful to have a young person like Johann and his Scouts reaching out and helping their communities.



There's NOTHING, that beats the smell of real wood smoke at **Hawequas...**!



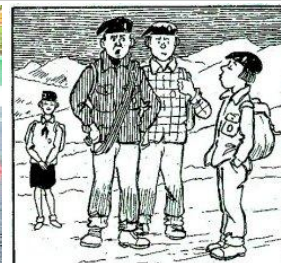
Some pictures need no words. **"Think ginormous - and it WILL happen."**



Our magnificent **JML Rotary Scout** on the recent Spring Regatta.



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"When you told us you could get us an experienced Guide, we didn't think it would be your big sister."

Mist, cold, wet, nothing stands in the way of achieving something. Here a concrete slab is laid for new water tanks at our **SMC Hut** by Thomas Schrick, Howard Little, Paddy O'Brian and workers from Stafix Electrical Fencing on Saturday 5 October. *T. Schrick*



"600 000 **Bread Tags** needed for a Wheelchair" sees 1st Strandfontein counting and bagging their 4 022 tags collected in September. Others were Table View Cubs 5 388, Paddy Milner 80, The Buckleys 14 001, Plumstead 135 and 1st Bergvliet Cubs 16 264 - Well Done!



An early morning parade and final exhausting completion on Sun 29 Sept of the Provincial **Pioneer Badge Course** at Hawequas, sees both participants and instructors all smiling and normal again at their achievement reached.



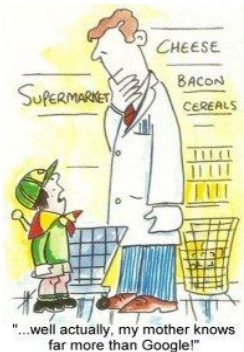
Quinn Trophy was held in excellent weather at Hawequas Sun 6 Oct with theme 'Inventions', bringing out lots of creativity and fun. Entire Troops with parents take part as teams. Well done 3rd Pinelands (left) winning for the 5th time, with 1st Pinelands and 1st Monte Vista tying for the Cross Country run.



1 000 bikers took part on the annual 60 km **Bandana Run** at Ysterplaat Air base Sun 13 Oct, hosted by SAA, the M.O.T.H. Motorcycle Ass. and Sunflower Foundation. The route was to Melkbosstrand and back via the N7, escorted by traffic police. The high point of the event, was the complete take over of roads, where bikers are normally treated as 2nd class citizens. R36 000 was raised for the **Sunflower Foundation** (for Cancer research). Stuart Buckley (above) was there proudly flying the Rover Scout Flag.



The **Orienteering Competition** was held on Sunday 15 Sept. 1st Camps Bay won the Junior Event, 2nd Fish Hoek the Senior event, 1st Durbanville the Scouter event, the overall winners were 1st Pinelands. Well done to all taking part.



"...well actually, my mother knows far more than Google!"



2nd Bergvliet have just recently completely revamped their No 18 Saldanha dinghy. The hull was resprayed in and outside and all woodwork was re-varnished by Scouts and parents. Here it is being sailed on its first outing, with Chris Lea at the helm just after the heavy Sept. snowfall seen on the mountains behind them. *Nigel Forshaw*



Paint the Lion Purple involved a trip up Lions Head (our cover photo also) every Thurs evening (3, 10, 17, 25 and 31) during October, with everyone wearing purple and carrying our Scout Banners. The idea was to celebrate Spring, view our city from above, enjoy the outdoors, build friendships and getting the Scout brand out there. Many of all ages made this weekly trip up and down Lions Head, some for the very first time, and most times in super weather offering awe inspiring 360 degree views of our city from above. Thanks to all for your support. *Morgan Irwin*



Was thinking about a meeting I once went to many years ago, the topic was **'Nothing'**. And after a few introductions, this guy got up and for an hour spoke about nothing... Extremely interesting how he used nothing to really emphasize nothing... And at the end of the evening, we were all highly enthusiastic, as we all knew everything about nothing!



Tue 15 October was a great surprise for the King of Sweden at the **Regal Circle dinner in Paris**, when **Bantu Tsotsobe**, a 13 year old Scout the King had met in Guguletu in 2004, walked in and surprised the King during his address on 'Measuring Success in Scouting'. Bantu had made an amazing impression on the King in 2004 and today still proudly wears his uniform as a member. Bantu is now also the very first recipient of the new 'Siegfried Weiser Scholarship Fund'. [Read more here.](#)



Edward Shield at Hawequas Sat 26 Oct found 18 Packs on

'Wildest Africa'. Great weather all weekend and we had Packs from as far as Knysna and George attend - very nice! Well done all who took part for the day or camped all weekend. Winners 2nd Somerset West.



"The ultimate in lightweight camping - I've drilled holes in my toothbrush."



"Oh dear -- it does rather look as if Chain Saw III isn't a safety film after all!"



"Okay, so you've got a camouflaged torch - what happens once it's turned on?"



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